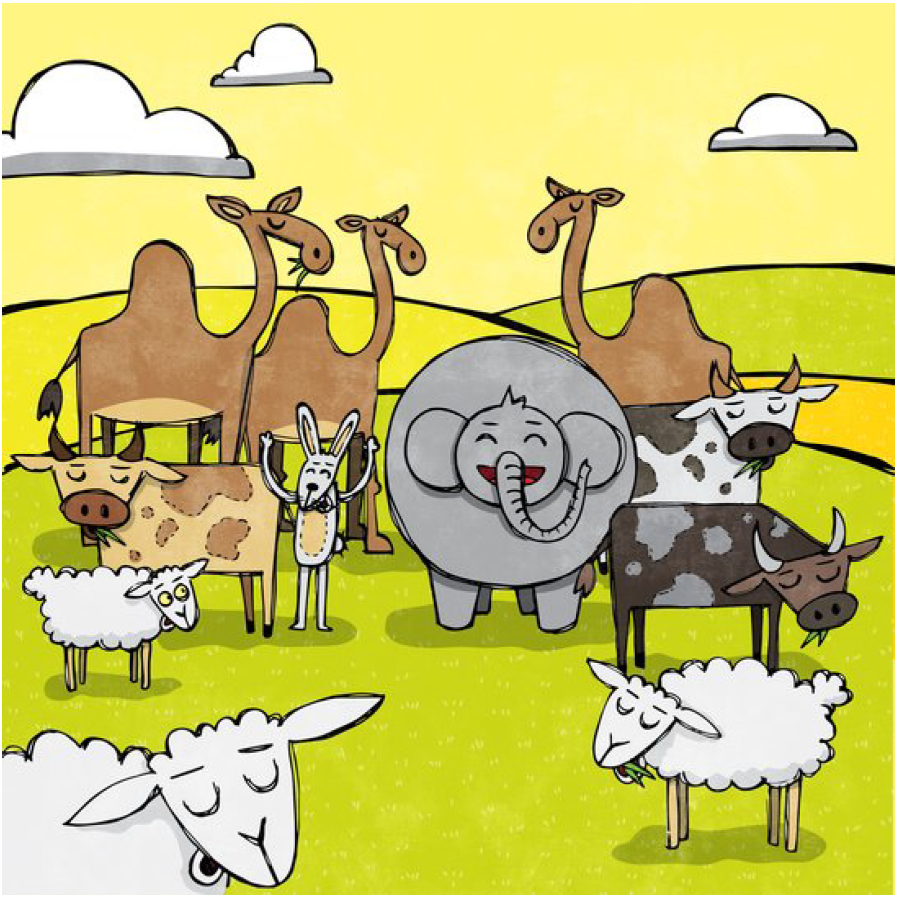
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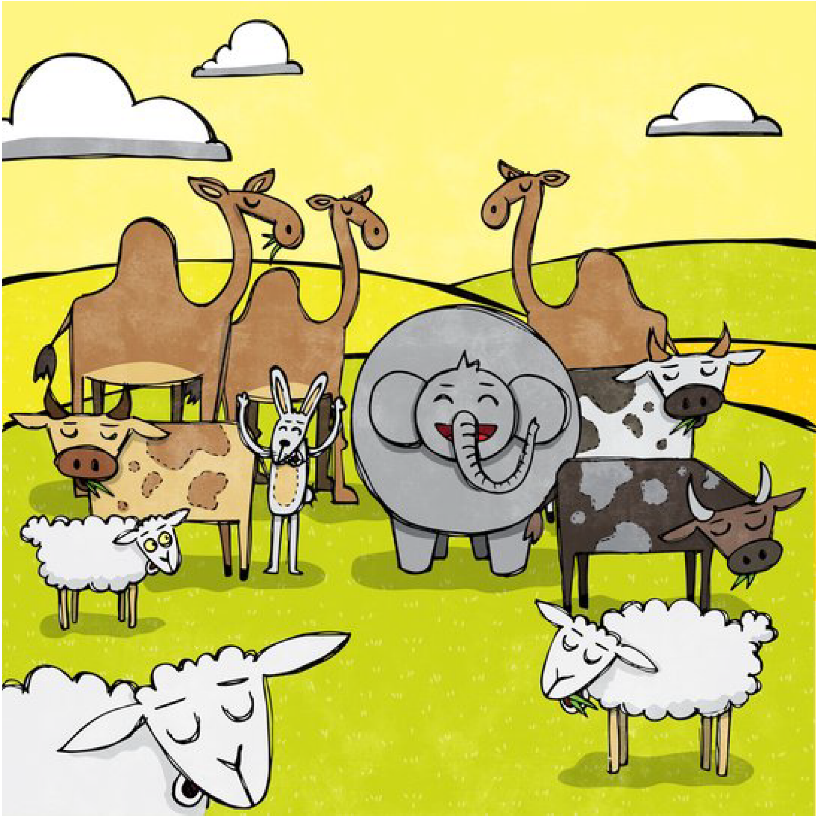
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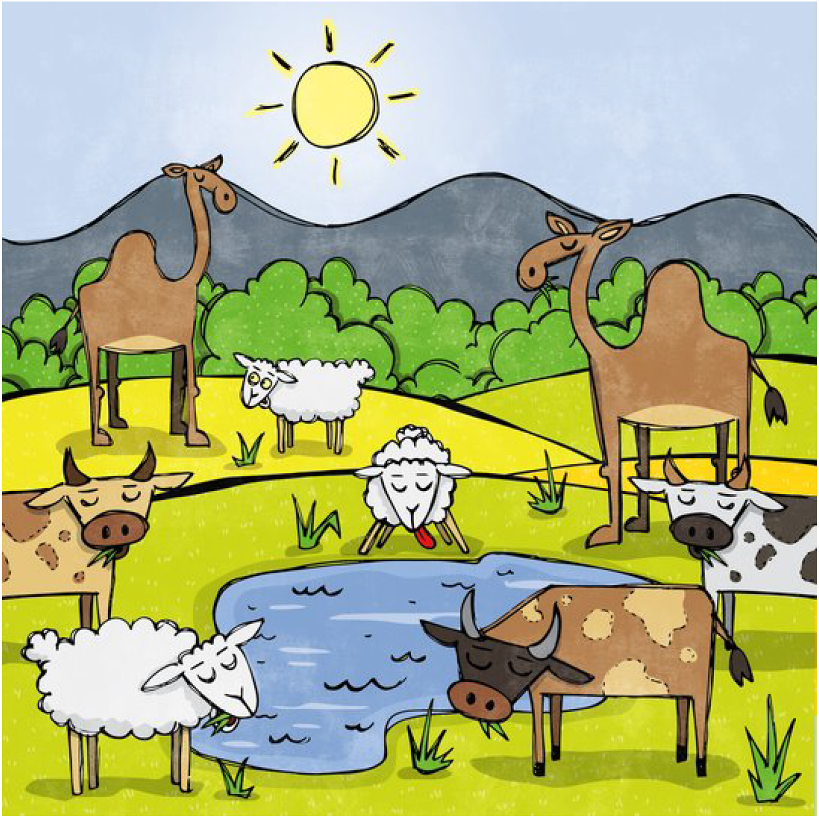
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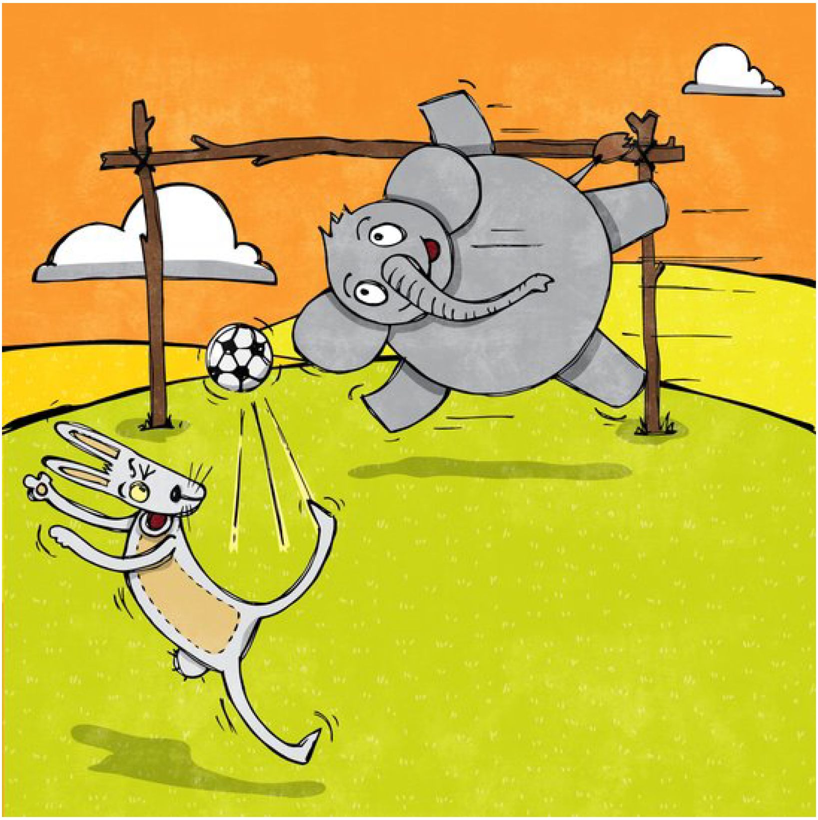
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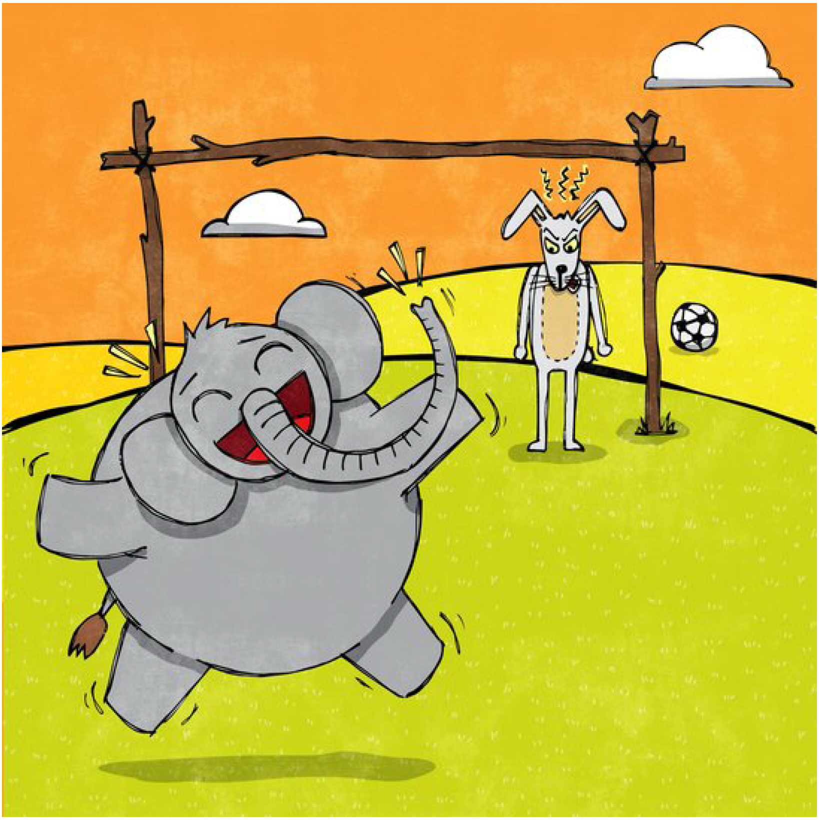
Once upon a time, Elephant and
Hare were very good friends.
They shared a large herd
of camels, cattle, and sheep.



They grazed their animals in the valley of Kingilo. Sometimes they took the animals to the hills, where there was plenty of grass and water.



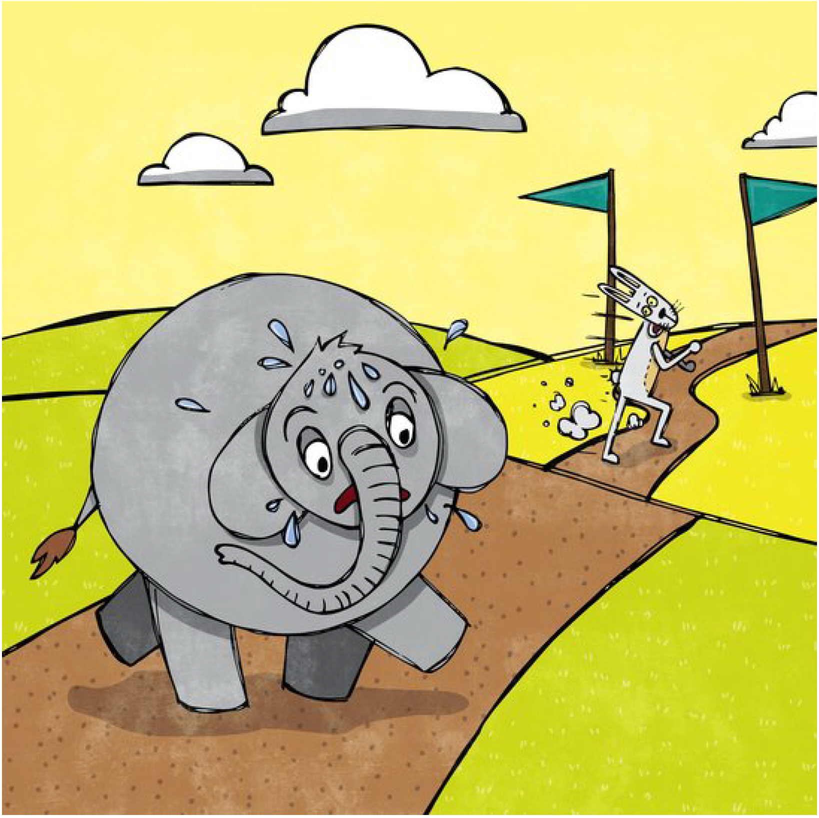
As the animals grazed, Hare and Elephant played games.
They enjoyed playing football very much.



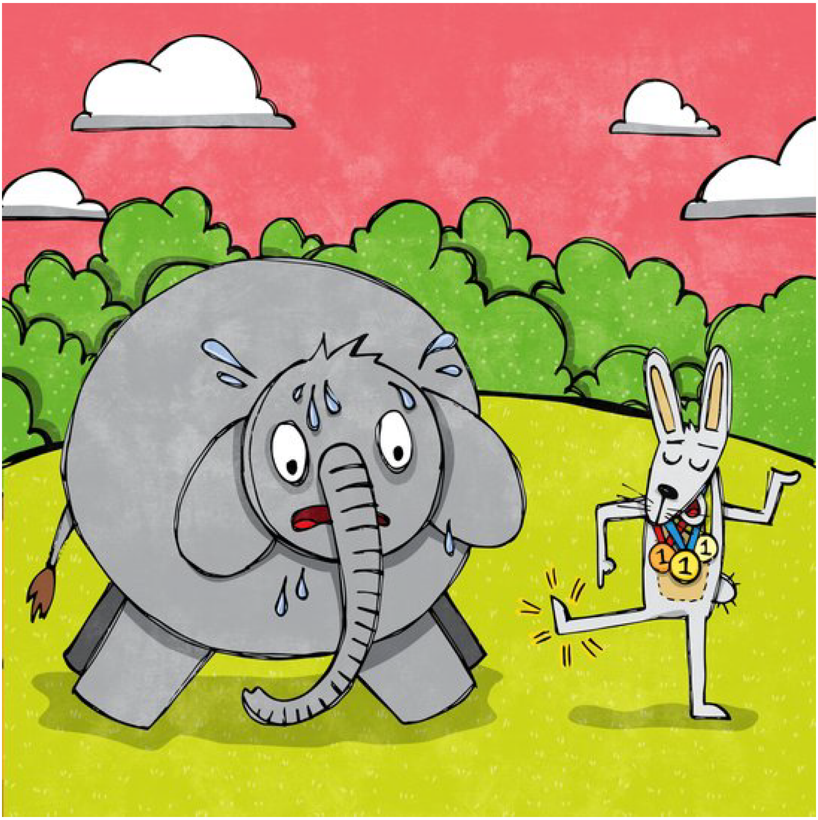
Every time they played, Elephant would score more goals than Hare. This upset Hare very much.



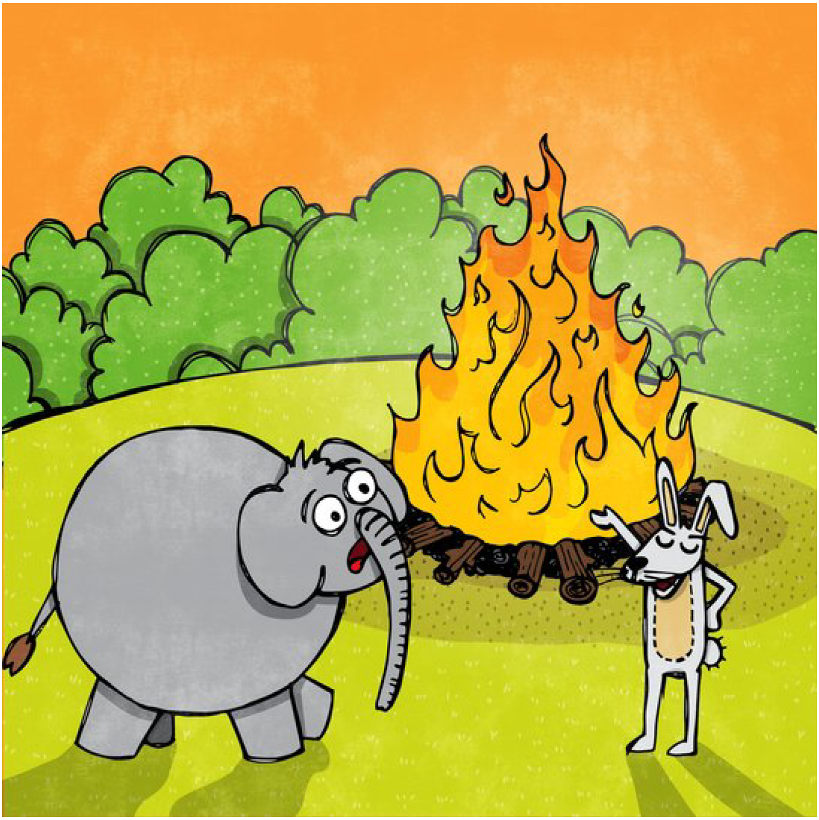
One day Hare asked Elephant,
“What makes you so good?”
Elephant quickly answered,
“My big legs.”



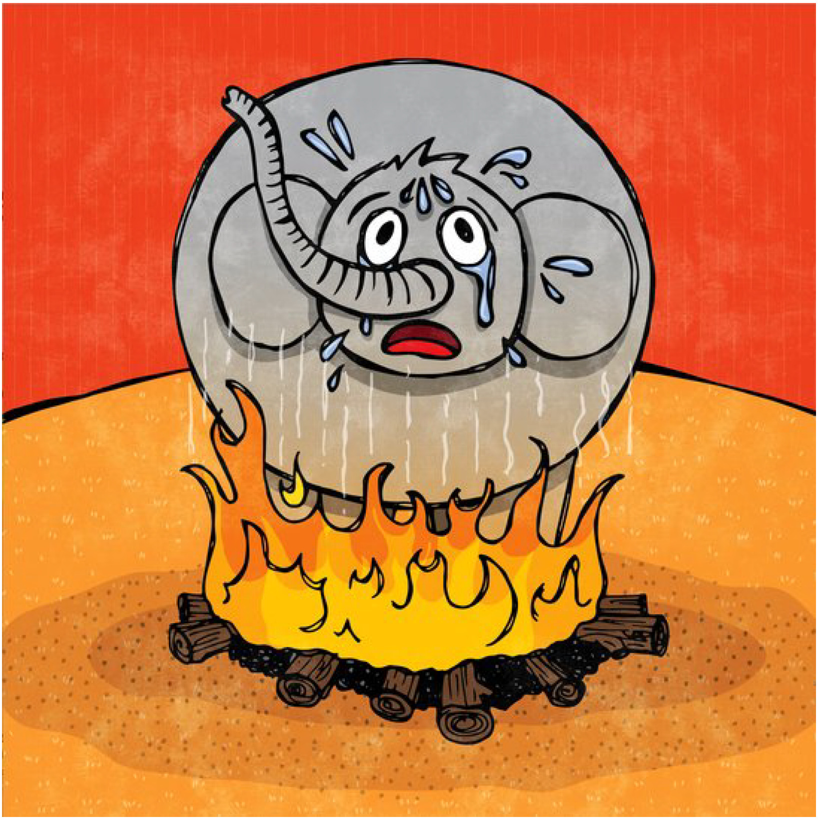
The next day, Hare suggested that they run a race. Elephant agreed and they started their race.



Hare won all the races. Elephant was upset because he had never been defeated. So he asked Hare, “What makes you a good runner?” Hare answered, “My thin legs.”

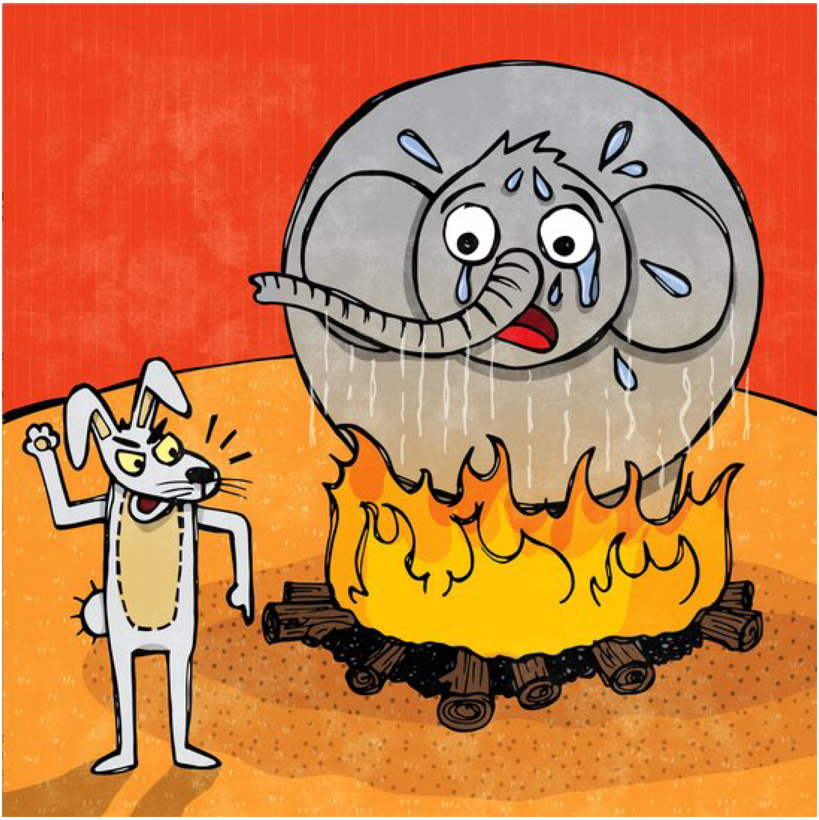


Without a second thought, Elephant asked what he could do to make his legs thin.
Hare said, “It is simple, I will show you with fire.”

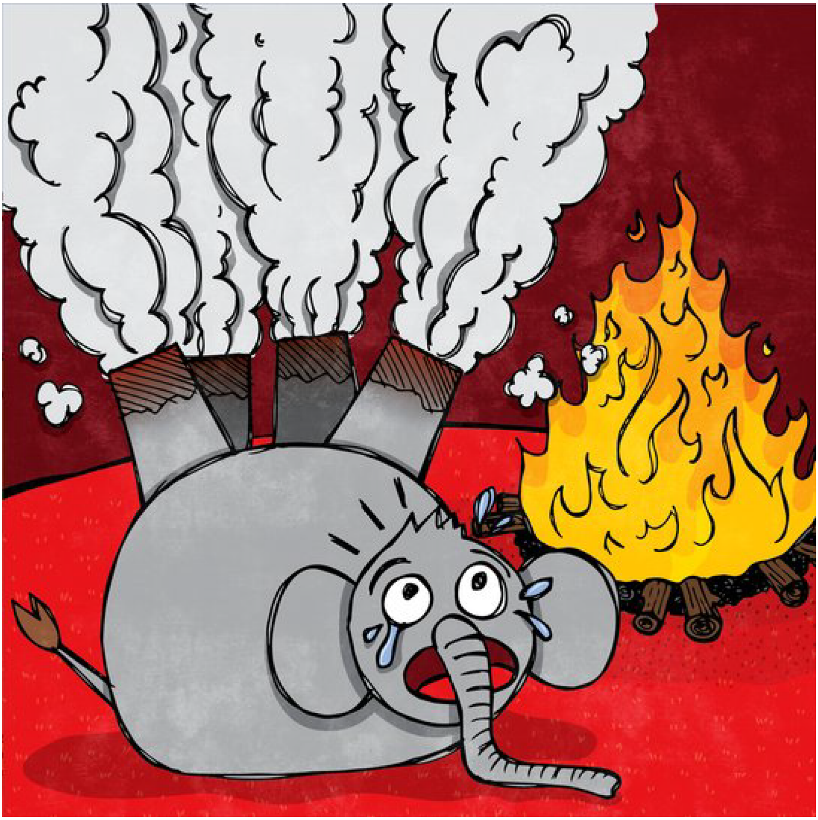


Hare said, “Put your legs in the fire.”

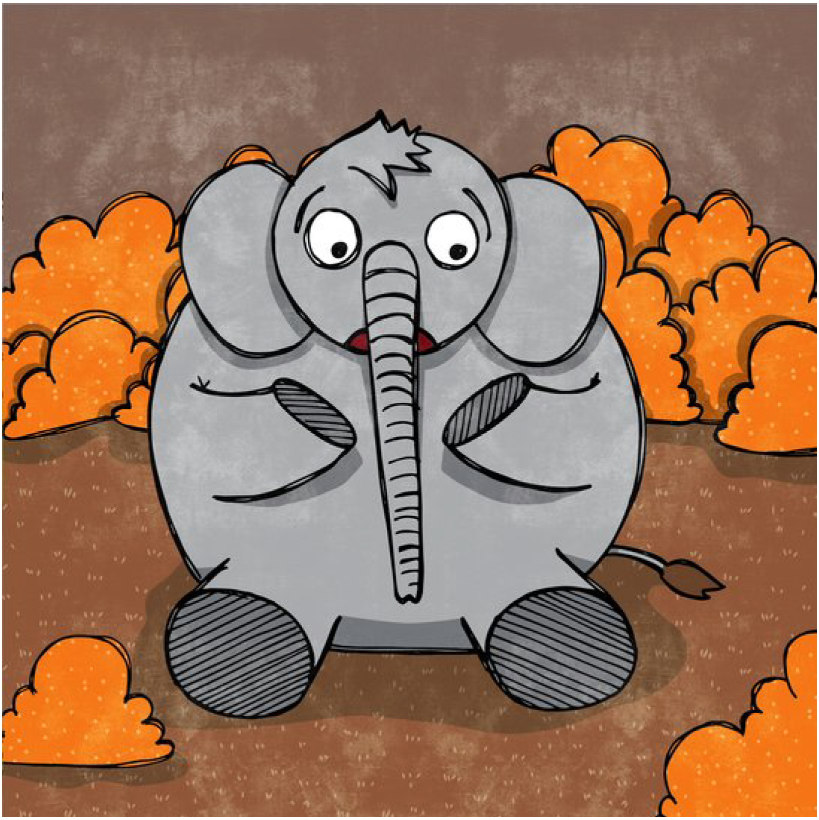
Elephant stepped into the fire. He shouted, “I am burning! I am burning!”



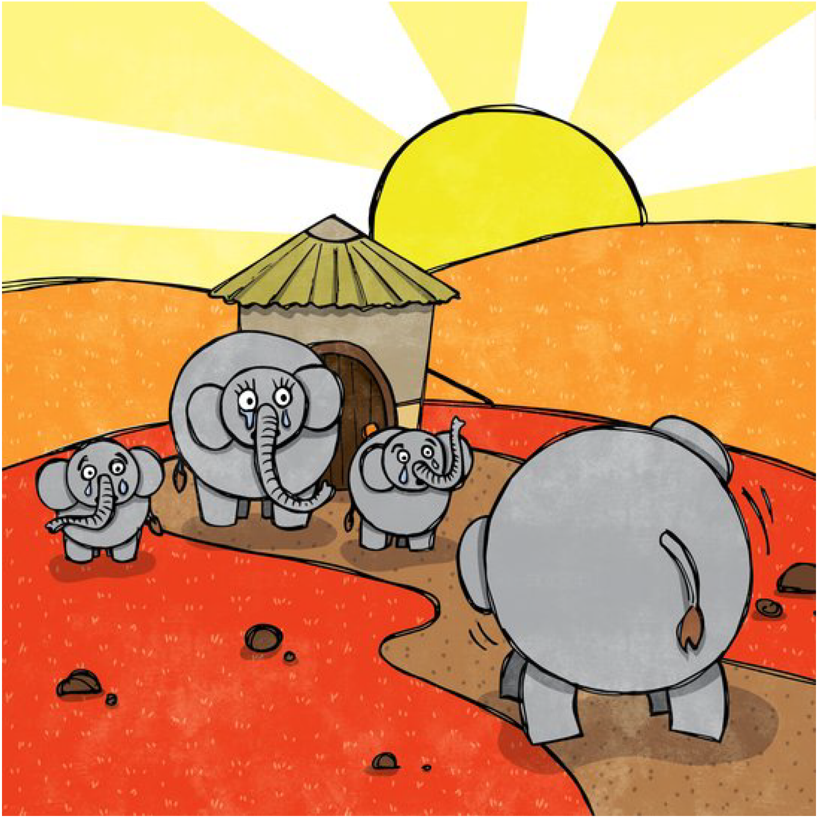
Hare was happy. He encouraged Elephant to hold on, because burning his legs was the only way they could become thin.



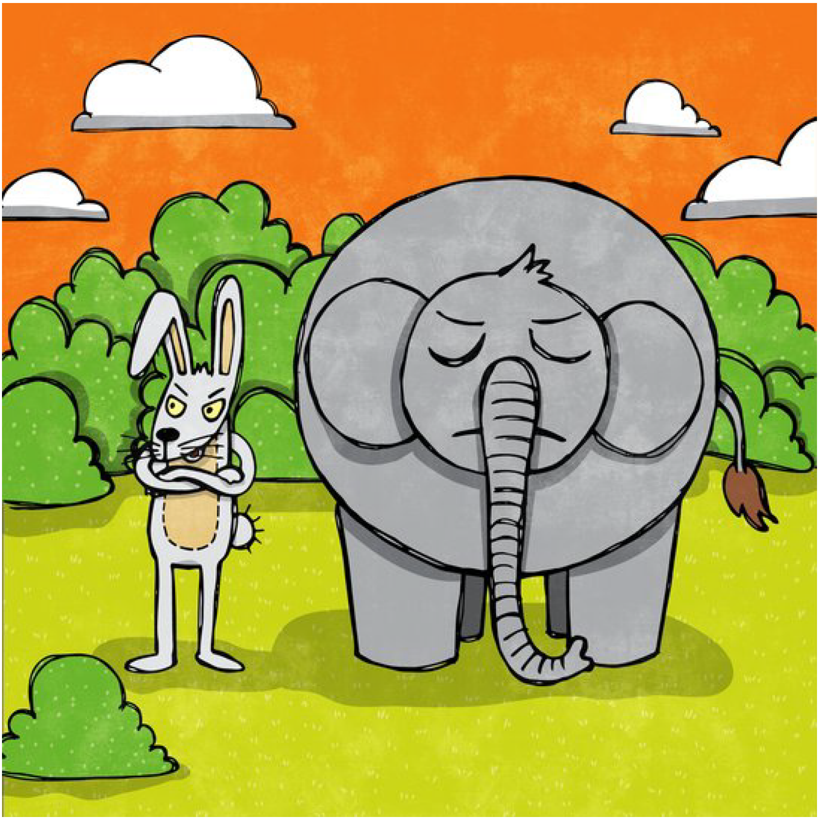
Elephant’s legs hurt very badly, so he crawled out of the fire. He could not stand with his burned legs, so he lay down.



Elephant sat for many days before
he could stand on his legs.



Eventually, he was able
to limp home to his family.



Hare and Elephant are no longer friends.